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1. THE PROSPECTIVE TIMETABLE FOR SPANISH RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY (REFTEL) HAS BEEN COMPLETELY OVERTAKEN BY THE SPANISH CABINET CRISIS. WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSURES US THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PLACE THIS MATTER HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT AREILZA'S EXPECTATION THAT THE SPANISH WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO EXCHANGE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION BEFORE THE END OF JULY WILL HAVE TO BE REVISED. THIS CANNOT BE DONE UNTIL THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ASSUMED OFFICE.

2. WE DO EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL GO FOREWARD IN THE INTERIM TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE ESTABLISHMENT SOON AFTER THE NEW TREATY COMES INTO EFFECT OF THE VARIOUS NEW STRUCTURES UNDER THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL. APPARENTLY, AMBASSADOR JUAN ROVIRA WILL SPEAK FOR THE SPANISH GOVT IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING SHORTLY THE INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED IN MADRID 4824.
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